

POLITICAL SCIENCE
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I. DESCRIPTION

A. Purpose: The political science collection in the Education and Social Science library supports the work of the Department of Political Science. The department offers the B.A., M.A. and Ph.D degrees. Graduate work is conducted in the special fields of American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international law and relations, political behavior, political theory and public policy.

There is a great deal of interdisciplinary cooperation and interdepartmental research, especially with anthropology, business administration, economics, history, law, philosophy, sociology and the centers for African studies, Asian studies and Latin American and Caribbean studies.

Related to the Department of Political Science is the Office of Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security (ACDIS). The major activities of ACDIS are: advancing research in arms control and international security; advising students on arms-related causes at the university; consulting with governmental bodies, scholarly and citizen groups, and organizing seminars, conferences and speaking engagements. A special attempt has been made to isolate materials useful for information and research in the field of arms control, disarmament and international security.

B. History of Collection: Political science materials have been collected at the University of Illinois Library since 1867. At first the political science collection was housed with the main collection. During the fiscal year 1964-1965 the political science collection was separated from the History Collection and merged with education, psychology, sociology, and social work to form the Education and Social Science Library. This is the situation as of the present.

C. Estimate of Holdings: 175,000 volumes.

D. State, Regional, and National Importance: At the state and regional level the political science collection at the University of Illinois is an outstanding resource for researchers in all fields of the discipline. On the national level, however, only in certain areas (i.e. international relations and conflict resolution) does the collection appear superior to other institutional collections. Recent emphasis on collecting arms control and disarmament materials has the potential to make the University of Illinois the major resource center for this type of material in the United States.

E. Unit Responsible for Collecting: Education and Social Science Library.

F. Location of Materials: 20,000 volumes of political science monographs of current interest and a broad selection of journals are held in the Education and Social Science Library. The Bookstacks contain approximately 150,000 volumes, and the History and Philosophy, Mathematics, and Undergraduate Libraries have another 5,000 volumes dealing with political science subjects.

G. Citation of Works Describing the Collection:

Downs, pp. 188-189.

II. GENERAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

A. Languages: Standard statement.

B. Chronological Guidelines: No formal restrictions, but an informal understanding exists with the History and Philosophy Library about collecting materials in the period before 1945. Political science will restrict its purchase of materials dealing with periods before 1945 and History will limit its purchases of materials concerning subjects after 1945.

C. Geographical Guidelines: No restrictions, but the collection is weighted toward America & Europe. Attempts have been made to strengthen the collection with more material from the Soviet Union, East Asia and the Middle East.

D. Treatment of the Subject: Standard statement. An effort is made to cover all fields of political science, but major emphasis will remain on American and Western European subjects. Materials from other areas will be collected, but care is taken not to intrude upon the domains of area studies, i.e. Asian, Latin American, and Slavic and East European areas. The History and Philosophy Library will continue to collect on political thought, international relations (before 1945) and political biographies. Popular political biographies are the responsibility of the Undergraduate Library. A majority of the methodology works will be collected by the Mathematics Library unless the methods deal exclusively with political science issues. Communications and polling materials remain the collection responsibility of the Communications Library unless the treatment is of a political nature. Finally, there is some overlap in subject responsibilities between political science and law, but the collecting philosophy of political science will be to add only materials dealing with political interpretations of legal issues.

E. Types of Materials: Standard statement.

F. Date of Publication: Standard statement.

G. Place of Publication: No restrictions.

III. COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITY BY SUBJECT SUBDIVISIONS WITH QUALIFICATIONS,
LEVELS OF COLLECTING INTENSITY AND ASSIGNMENTS.

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>DL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS				
Federal Government	4	4	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
State Governments	3	4	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Municipal Governments	3	3	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Constitutional Systems	3	3	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Public Administration	3	3	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENTS	4	4	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
POLITICAL THEORY	3	3	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
POLITICAL THOUGHT	3	3	4	HISTORY
POLITICAL RESEARCH	3	3	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	4	4	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE/ history
POLITICAL HISTORY	4	4	4	HISTORY/ political science
POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY	3	3	4	HISTORY/ political science
MILITARY STRATEGY	3	3	4	POLITICAL SCIENCE
LEGAL	2	3	3	LAW/political science